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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith information which he believes may be material to examination of this Application, in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97.

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In addition, Applicant reserves the right to contend, as appropriate, that any information asserted against any claim(s) of the captioned Application is not "prior art" according to the facts and the law.

Applicant further reserves the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over such information, should any citation listed below be applied against any claim(s) of the captioned Application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner, after considering the information set forth below, independently determine those citations which the Examiner would consider to be the most pertinent.

Copies of the following citations are submitted along with PTO Form-1449.

Forster et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,734,796 B2, issued May 11, 2004: relates to a self-check for a detector detecting the proximity of a transportation vessel.

Forster et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,281,797 B1, issued August 28, 2001: is directed to a method and apparatus for detecting a container proximate to a transportation vessel hold.

Nagle et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,028,293, issued February 22, 2000: concerns a temperature-controlled container with heating means.

Woolley, U.S. Patent No. 5,959,568, issued September 28, 1999: discloses a measuring device.

Opal, U.S. Patent No. 5,801,632, issued September 1, 1998: relates to a climate controlled outdoor enclosure.

Sues et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,493,948, issued January 15, 1985: is directed to a transparent secondary information transmission system for an information transmission system.

Forster et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0017989 A1, dated February 14, 2002: concerns deactivation of field-emitting electronic device upon detection of a transportation vessel.

McGlade et al., WO 01/75700 A2, dated October 11, 2001: discloses a tracking and logistics management system and method.

Forster et al., WO 01/75472 A2, dated October 11, 2001: relates to a tracking device and method.

De Bonnenfant, WO 01/33247 A1, dated May 10, 2001: is directed to a position finder for vehicles and cargo carriers.

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Copy of Partial European Search Report, European Patent Application No. EP 03 02 6225.

It is requested that the above be made of record in this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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